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SUBJECT: POLICY AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT REVIEW (PARM)
- COUNTRY SPECIFIC GUIDANCE FOR MEXICO

REFERENCE: STATE 45461

1. THE FOLLOWING COUNTRY SPECIFIC GUIDANCE MAY BE OF
USE TO THE EMBASSY IN PREPARING THE PARM FOR MEXICO.
2. WASHINGTON ATTACHES INCREASED SIGNIFICANCE TO US/
MEXICAN RELATIONS AND AN EFFORT IS BEGINNING TO DEVELOP
A "MECHANISM" HERE TO ASSURE THAT HANDLING OF SPECIFIC
BILATERAL PROBLEMS WILL REFLECT LONG-TERM U.S. CONCERNS.
DURING INTER-AGENCY MEETINGS TO PREPARE FOR THE STATE
VISIT IT WAS APPARENT THAT A GROWING AWARENESS EXISTS
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WITHIN THE USG THAT ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES AND POTENTIAL
POLITICAL INSTABILITY IN MEXICO AFFECT A MULTIPLICITY OF
U.S. INTERESTS AND THAT OUR TRADITIONAL BUREAUCRATIC
RESPONSES ARE NOT ADEQUATE TO MINIMIZE DAMAGE TO THESE
INTERESTS. THIS GROWING AWARENESS WAS IN MARKED CONTRAST
TO THE OPINIONS VOICED AT LAST YEAR'S PRE-IG.

3. THERE IS CONSENSUS AS TO THE NEED FOR A TIMELY AND EFFECTIVE MECHANISM TO PROTECT OUR LONG RANGE INTERESTS.

THE EMBASSY'S VIEWS ON THE KIND OF MECHANISMS WE SHOULD ESTABLISH AND HOW THEY MIGHT FUNCTION WOULD BE WELCOME.

4. TRADE AND MIGRATION POLICY ARE THE AREAS OF GREATEST INFLUENCE ON U.S.-MEXICAN RELATIONS WHICH INCREASINGLY WILL BECOME POLITICAL ISSUES IN THE U.S. THE PARM PRESENTS A TIMELY OPPORTUNITY TO SUGGEST SPECIFIC COURSES OF ACTION IN THESE AREAS.

5. EMBASSY MAY ALSO WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SUGGEST AN APPROPRIATE ROLE FOR THE USG TO PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS THROUGH BILATERAL CHANNELS, TO SEEK MEXICAN ASSISTANCE IN THE PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS GENERALLY IN LATIN AMERICA, AND TO SUGGEST WAYS TO COOPERATE WITH MEXICO IN THE AREA OF NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION.

6. THE EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO ADDRESS THE PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT ISSUE IN MEXICO AND WHAT ROLE, IF ANY, THE USG SHOULD PLAY IN THIS FIELD.
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